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WHEREAS some Doubts have arisen with regard to the Rank and Command, which Officers and Troops raised by the Governors of Our Provinces in *North-America*, should have, when joined, or serving together with Our Independent Companies of Foot, doing Duty in our said Provinces. In order to fix the same, and to prevent for the future all Disputes on that Account, We are hereby pleased to declare, that it is Our Will and Pleasure that all Troops serving by Commission signed by Us, or by Our General commanding in Chief in *North-America*; shall take Rank before all Troops, which may serve by Commission from any of the Governors, Lieutenant or Deputy - Governors, or President, for the Time being, of Our Provinces in *North-America*: And it is Our farther Pleasure, that the General and Field-Officers of the Provincial Troops, shall have no Rank with the General and Field-Officers, who serve by commission from Us; But that all Captains, and other inferior Officers of Our forces, who are, or may be employed, in *North America*, are on all Detachments, Courts-Martial, or other Duty, wherein They may be joined with Officers, serving by Commission from the Governors, Lieutenant or Deputy - Governors, or President for the Time being of the said Provinces, to command and take Post of the said Provincial Officers of the like Rank, though the Commissions of the said said Provincial Officers of the like Rank, should be of elder Date.

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By His Majesty's Command.

T. R. INSO.